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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Kindly amend the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, before line 1, insert:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/488,112, which was filed on January 20, 2000, the entire application being expressly incorporated herein by reference.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-29, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

30. (New) A method for investing in Brownfields, comprising:  
establishing a Brownfields fund, the Brownfields fund providing investment capital for Brownfields projects and remaining passive with respect to the